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Jacksonville Symphony Names LJD Excellence in Music Education Fund with Gift from DuBow Family Foundation

Jacksonville, Fla – The Jacksonville Symphony has recently received a gift from the DuBow Family Foundation to help support the Symphony’s music education initiatives through the newly established “LJD Excellence in Music Education Fund.” As the largest music educator in Northeast Florida, this generous gift will allow the Symphony to further enrich established educational programs like the Jacksonville Symphony Youth Orchestras, Students at the Symphony, Jumpstart Strings Afterschool Program and more while infusing life, joy, creativity and imagination into the lives of students.

“The LJD Excellence in Music Education Fund is named after Lawrence Jay and Linda Jo, who shared the same initials. However, this fund is dedicated to our entire family and the generations that came before us that share a deep passion for philanthropy, community and uplifting children through education,” commented the family. “The offerings of the Jacksonville Symphony are a perfect match, and we are proud to support the Symphony’s efforts.”

Over the course of the 2021/22 season, the Symphony reached over 113,904 students and community members in Northeast Florida through live performances, symphonic engagement and the captivating web of music weaved on the concert stage. More than one third of the education and community engagement audience is comprised of students who participate free-of-charge in our various symphonic programs thanks to financial contributions from generous patrons.

“We are incredibly thankful for this generous gift from the DuBow Family Foundation,” said Steven Libman, Jacksonville Symphony CEO. “Their continued support of the Symphony and our music education initiatives is invaluable, and the LJD Excellence in Music Education Fund is an investment in the cultural arts that will keep our students and community thriving for years to come.”

From free community concerts to reduced-price ticket programs that allow children and teens to experience Florida Blue Classical Series concerts, the Jacksonville Symphony is committed to bringing music to all residents of Northeast Florida.

About the Jacksonville Symphony

The Jacksonville Symphony is North Florida’s leading music nonprofit offering live performances at Jacoby Symphony Hall in the Jacksonville Center for the Performing Arts and other venues throughout the area. In addition, the Symphony provides music instruction for youth and operates the Jacksonville Symphony Youth Orchestras. For more information about the Symphony, visit JaxSymphony.org.

About the DuBow Family Foundation

Lawrence DuBow, known by his friends as Laurie, is a local business leader, entrepreneur and philanthropist who started the DuBow Family Foundation in 1988. Since then, Laurie, his late wife Linda, and the rest of their family's generosity has advanced causes that support children, women, education, religious charities and more.

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